

Senate Resolution 1048

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with the Federal Republic of
2 Germany; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Germany, and
4 the people of Georgia welcome opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all
5 levels including cultural, academic, and business; and

6 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia are honored to serve as the home of the consulate of
7 the Federal Republic of Germany; and

8 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines and Lufthansa offer nonstop flights between Georgia and
9 Germany; and

10 WHEREAS, sister city relationships exist between Atlanta and Nuremberg, Bayern, and
11 Marietta and Linz am Rhein, Rheinland – Pfalz; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud that over 350 German companies have operations in Georgia;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, many other Georgia colleges and universities also have ties with Germany,
15 among them the University of Georgia, Emory University, the Georgia Institute of
16 Technology, Georgia Southern University, and Georgia State University; and

17 WHEREAS, Germany is a top destination for Georgia exports, totaling over \$1.1 billion in
18 2007, with top exports including transportation equipment, miscellaneous manufactured
19 commodities, non-electrical machinery, computer and electronic products, and chemicals;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia imported over \$4.5 billion in goods from Germany in 2007 through the
2 Savannah Customs District, with top imports including industrial machinery, vehicles,
3 optical and medical products and surgical instruments, electric machinery, and
4 pharmaceutical products; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to the German American Chamber of Commerce
6 of the Southern United States, the Goethe-Zentrum German Cultural Center, the German
7 School of Atlanta, and the German Church Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to several honored German-American friendship
9 organizations, including Business Stammtisch, Kaffeeklatsch, Atlanta Saengerkreis,
10 Deutscher Freundschaftsclub, The German Wine Society, German-American Club, Klub
11 Heimatland, German Heritage Society, and the German Friendly Society of Savannah; and

12 WHEREAS, Germany is the sixth largest capital investor in Georgia with a cumulative FDI
13 investment in 2006 of over \$1.6 billion.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 hereby recognize the special friendship between Georgia and the Federal Republic of
16 Germany and express our appreciation to his Excellency, Lutz Gorgens, the Consul General
17 of the Federal Republic of Germany, for his efforts to promote peace and grow commercial,
18 cultural, and educational ties between our two nations.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his Excellency, Lutz Gorgens.